

the mountainside to the west of the existing road. It has been broken

to a future state park at the reservoir. A third contract will be let

subsequent contract is let for the final concrete surfacing of all four

users, through the Bureau of Reclamation.

Midway City Council Report

Midway City voted to appropriate \$800 to purchase a painting for its city office building. The local landscape by Erla Young was on display in the city building, but the decision had to be made on whether to purchase the painting or to lose it to some other buyer.

When the building was first opened, the city advertised for paintings to display and several were offered by local artists. Some of the paintings have already been removed and sold to buyers. According to Recorder Shirley Chatwin, paintings for display are still being accepted.

Police and 911

Wasatch County Sheriff Edd Thacker reported to the council that 215 hours were logged in Midway last month. A computer printout will be sent later to the council detailing all police activity in the city. Officers responded to several calls on animal control, which resulted in the impounding of a number of local dogs which were running loose.

In response to his inquiry, Councilman Tatton was reassured by Sheriff Thacker that South Center Street will be more closely monitored by officers in the future.

Thacker also inquired if there had been any other citizen complaints to the council regarding police service. None had been reported, said Mayor Probst. All present stated that they are still pleased with the recent police protection.

Vandalism reported in the vicinity of 100 North is under investigation. Police are currently following up on suspects. They are also in the process of following leads on the destruction done to a gate at the disposal area. The investigation should be wrapped up within a week.

Commissioner Larry Duke joined with Sheriff Thacker in asking for city approval to impose a 20 to 50 cent surcharge on every phone line in the city. The charge is to help fund the expensive 911 emergency service which is available on every phone line in the county. The monies generated will be used to maintain and administer the system.

Even if the maximum of 50 cents were charged, it would only amount to \$6 per year — a small price to pay to save a life, said Councilman Richard Nielson.

The surcharge will only be imposed for one year at a time. It must be reconsidered every year.

The council was in agreement with the funding idea. However, there will be a public hearing before the surcharge becomes final.

Street Name Change

For lack of a second to Councilman Rick Tatton's motion, the council tabled a request to change 200 East (at 600 North, where it goes into the Mountain Spa) into Mt. Spa Drive or Mt. Spa Lane. According to Councilman Leo Luke, it is a full-fledged road, not a lane, which is maintained up to the gate of the spa by the city trucks.

Business License

An absent Gary Giles had sent a request for a business license to the council for consideration. Residing at 545 Homestead Drive, Giles was requesting only to conduct a "phone order" business out of his home. According to Chatwin, Giles stated that his main business will take place in Salt Lake; he requests only to be able to use his home phone for order taking. According to the law, 10 percent of home space can be devoted to an "on premise" business. In the mobile home in

which Giles lives, that would only be about as much space as a telephone booth, no equipment would be allowed. The motion passed.

Stringtown Water Users

Stringtown Water Users Association spokesman James Olsen presented their Quick Claim Deed to the council for their approval. Secretary Alberta Provost signed for the Stringtown users.

The mayor informed the new councilman and councilwoman that the city had signed an agreement years ago with Stringtown to accept and maintain their water line when they had satisfactorily completed setting it up.

The council voted to accept the Quick Claim Deed and maintain the line since all the requirements had been met.

Stringtown, however, stated Recorder Chatwin is responsible for the line for one year from this recording date.

Brown Requests Water and Annexation

Due to a moratorium on all water hook ups outside the city, Steve Brown's announcement that he will begin building his home on Homestead Drive would seem to be doomed to opposition. However, as Recorder Chatwin reminded the council, recorded in the minutes on February 7, 1985, Engineer Francis Smith and Steve Brown asked for, and received, permission to hook up onto city water lines. The moratorium was moved on more than two years later, on May 7, 1987. No time limit was given to Brown to exercise his permission; so legally it is still his.

The council discussed putting time limits on all such things in the future in order to discourage such long time lapses. They voted to give Brown, as well as Laren Gertsch, who also had been given prior permission to hook up, a time limit of 60 days to exercise their rights in this matter.

Brown asked for the council's recommendations on how to proceed.

He was told that he would need to turn in the \$500 plus 1.5 water shares of Snake Creek water. Councilwoman Dorothy VanWagoner

made a motion to accept the market rate of \$1,000 in land water share, if necessary; water would be preferred.

In response to Brown's request for his piece on Homestead to be annexed, he was informed by the mayor that he was premature in his request. His land does not touch on any city land and would be "an island." The city cannot annex "islands."

Clark-Condle Annexation

Also on the full agenda was a motion to be taken on the request to accept the policy declaration of the Clark-Condle annexation. A final vote cannot be taken according to the mayor, at least five days after a public hearing, the time had now come on the decision. Luke made a motion to accept the annexation. The council decided upon the motion passed with only one vote against it.

"Now everything is coming to an end for them to go ahead and try to do their thing," said Mayor Probst.

Miscellaneous

In miscellaneous business, Mayor Probst informed the council that the county had formed a boundary commission. It will be composed of seven people. The mayor was one of those who was appointed to the commission, was recommended by the council, and the motion passed to ask the do-

Luke brought up a discussion of some problems of proper zoning being taken with the Town and of the charging of fees. Mayor Probst was asked to handle the problem.

Tatton informed the council of his negotiations to get a new council building in Midway again. He was told to invite prospective banks to the next council meeting, and to be in touch with the mayor.

Councilman Richard Nielson was also notified that he would have to make due with the funds to be used for street repairs. The council's budget for this project was set, and he was told to have to enlist outside sources for additional funding if he needed it.

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What are Heritage Tales? Stories passed on to one's heirs or successive generations. This is your past and the past of your neighbors in the Midway area of Heber Valley. If your ancestors came to Midway or if you and your family came from Midway or if you live in Midway you are all part of the heritage of Midway.

We invite all families to participate with family stories and stories about your relatives, friends and neighbors. Those choice inspiring stories that you recall. Those stories that bring a chuckle and a laugh or a sigh and a tear. Stories of the old buildings and activities that went on. What did your grandparents and great-grandparents tell you? What do your

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Those of you who have married out of Midway should send in your contributions of memories and experiences in Midway for this book.

If you have any family genealogy, journals, letters, tape recordings or cookbooks with interesting stories we would be happy to use them in our collection with your permission. Renee Van Wagoner is collecting Home Remedies, Recipes from your grandmothers, Household Hints and information on Herbs, their culture in the garden and their use in the early years of 1860—1910.

Marilla Bodily, 654-1223, and Renee Van Wagoner, 654-0748, would be glad to tape any contributions you might have that are difficult for you to write. A pleasant visit will result. If you have tapes already, please share them with us. Call and make appointments at the above

phone numbers. Others on the committee are Darlene Shelton, Alberta Provost, Ellie Eaton, the Randall Schears.

We need your material collected and edited for the printer by April 1. Please sign your contributions and include as much detail as possible of dates, names, places, descriptions of people and incidents.

When this book is printed we don't want anyone to feel that they haven't had a chance to contribute to it. If you didn't get your material into "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," then hurry and prepare it for "Heritage Tales of Midway, Utah." To send your material, ask a question or order a copy write to "Heritage Tales of Midway, P.O. Box 247, Midway, Utah 84049.

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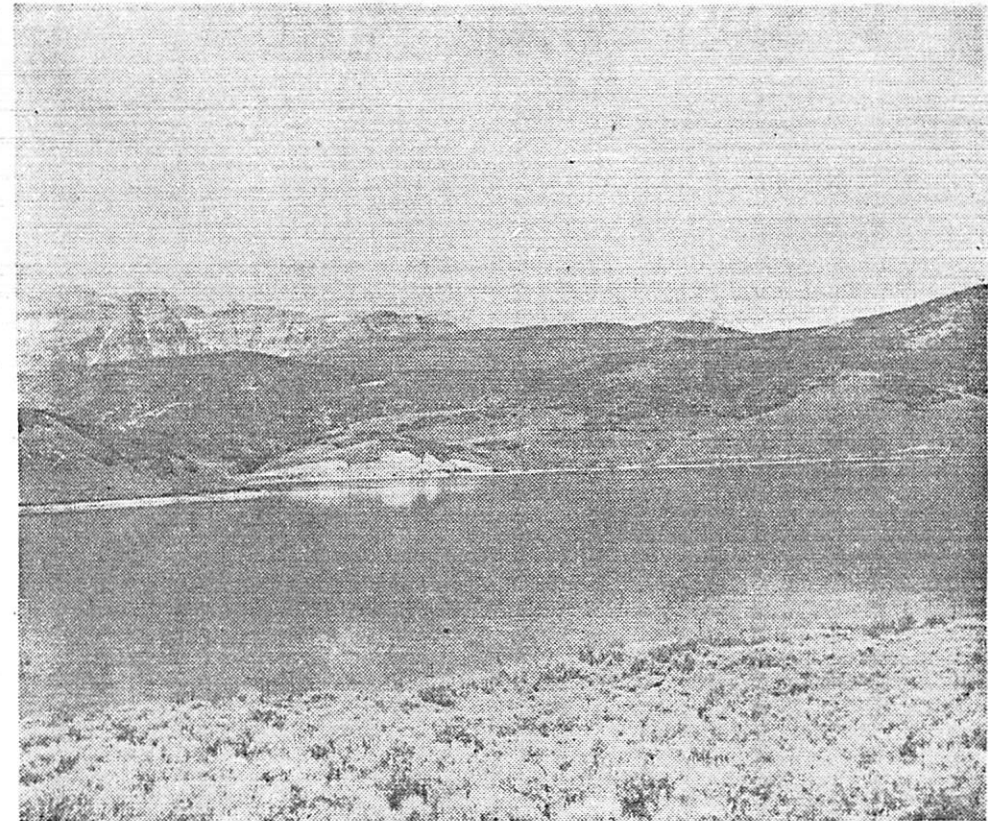
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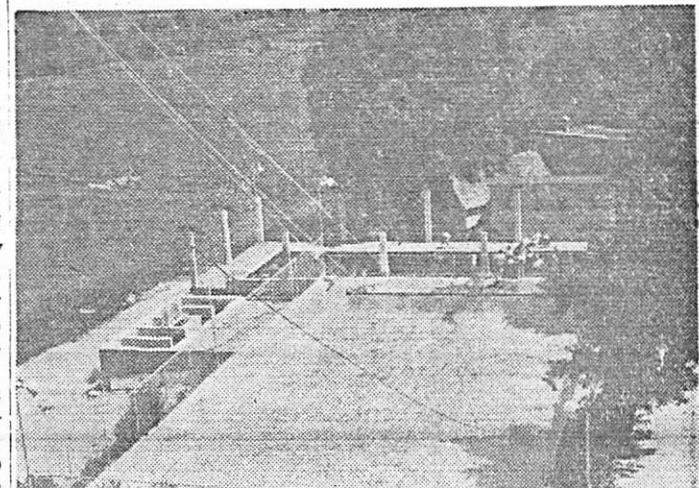
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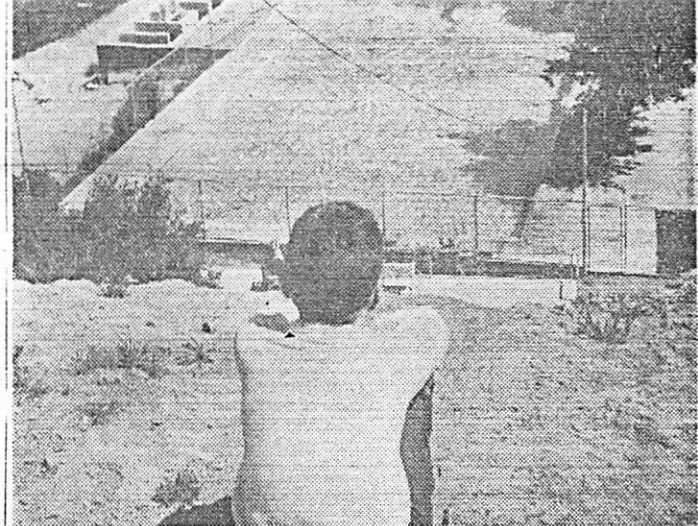
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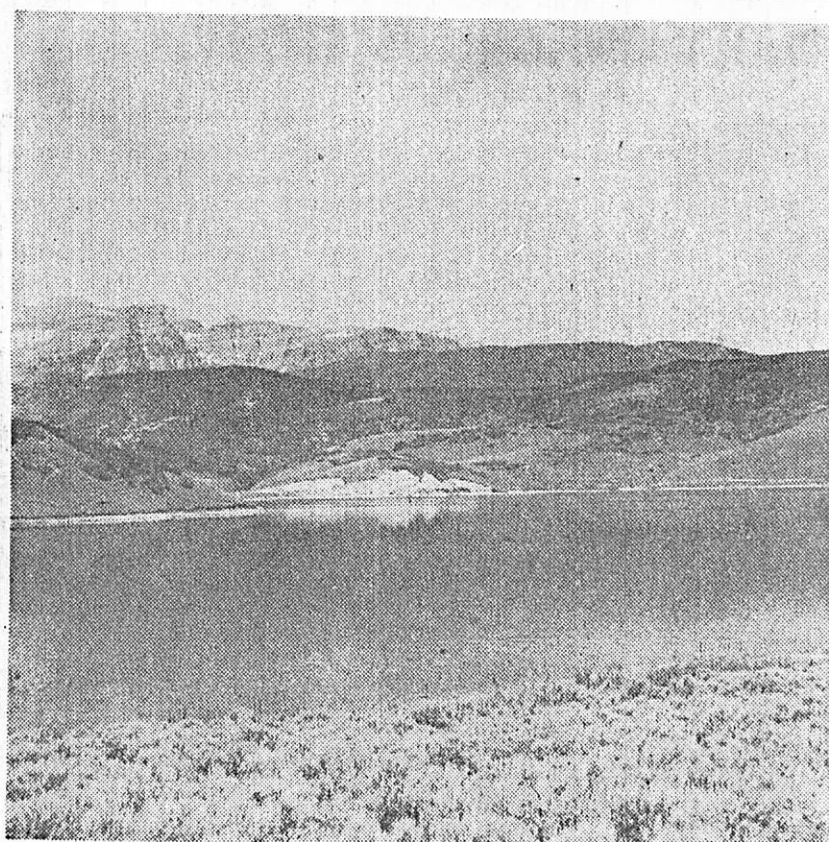
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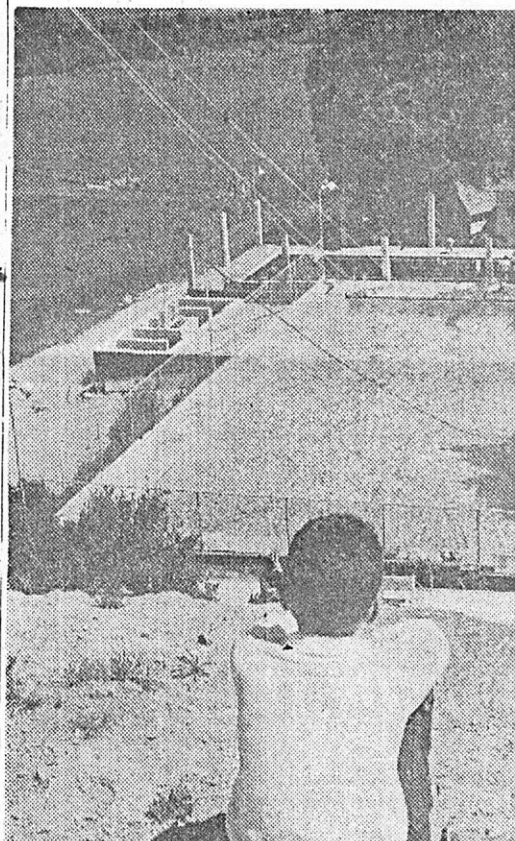
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